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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Lawrence D Ferguson. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Thomas Barnes. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 09 June 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 49.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tanaka et al.

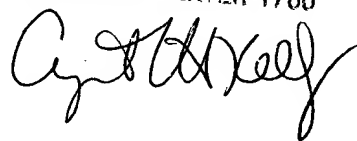
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant agreed the JIS A hardness and thickness of the second layer were met by Tanaka et al. Applicant suggested performing a comparative example of the claimed covering layer to the elastic layer of Tanaka to show superior results. Applicant may amend thickness to a narrower range. Examiner suggested an RCE may be appropriate if new issues are submitted by Applicant.

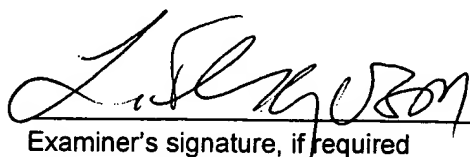
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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